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Dear Jim:

In response to your request of 22 September 1978 for views on the Department of State's proposed report on problems raised by S. 2525 with respect to the Government's anti-terrorism capabilities and requirements, it is our view that such a report should not be forwarded to the Congress at this time.

As you are aware, the Administration's Charter Legislation Working Group, with representatives from OMB and the Intelligence Community components, is engaged in a comprehensive review of the charter legislation intended to develop Administration position on all provisions of S.2525. This review will, of necessity, involve consideration of the legislation's impact on the Government's anti-terrorism capabilities.

The Department of State's proposed report to Senator Stevenson is based upon the views of the Office for Combatting Terrorism which have been transmitted to the Charter Working Group and will be taken into consideration in that forum. Accordingly, we believe the appropriate course of action is to forego providing Congress with separate views on particular aspects of the charter legislation until such time as the Administration review is completed and comprehensive, fully-coordinated recommendations are developed.

It is our view that an appropriate response from the Department of State to Senator Stevenson would be a letter reflecting these considerations and expressing no further

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